

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.  
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## SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS FALLING IN MANY PLACES LET EVERY SAINT FERVENTLY PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

### REVIVAL AT LINDALE, GA.

We are glad to report that God has blessed us with a gracious revival. O how the power of God would sweep in waves of glory. Our hearts were made to rejoice as new born souls prayed their way thru to victory. We wish to say that God surely manifested Himself in our midst. There were several saved, sanctified, five received the Holy Ghost and six added to the Church. The meeting began February 27th. We appreciate the earnest efforts of Brother F. C. Chambers. He gave out the Word of God uncompromisingly by the power of the Holy Ghost. His music and singing were enjoyed by all.

We are glad to say that we see bright prospects just ahead for His church here. God is gathering His sheep into one fold. We have much opposition in different ways, but the Lord is working just the same and talking to His children about His Church. We have for our pastor, Brother E. C. Dilbeck and certainly appreciate his service with us, leading us on to victory in the battle for the Church of God to be restored in all her former glory and power. The messages thru him have been a great inspiration to us. We are making preparation for greater things, as the interest and congregations increase.

We have a large Sunday School and the young people of the community are taking great interest in it. We also have a young peoples meeting every Sunday afternoon.

We ask the prayers of the saints for the success of the Church.—Lois Bennett.

### EXPECTING TO RISE AND SHINE

ABERNANT, Ala.—Just a few words to the Evangel. I would like to say that Abernant is coming to the front. I'm looking for it to rise and shine in spite of all that Satan can do. I will ask all who read this to pray that God's will may be done at this place. We are looking for God to confirm His Word by the signs following and people are beginning to believe on Jesus. This is a hard place, but God is able to bring them down. Brother and Sister Watson comes once a month on the 1st Saturday night and Sunday night, they sure hold up Jesus to this lost world. We are proud of such people as Brother and Sister Watson. They won't compromise with the devil. We had a good time Saturday night. We took the Lord's supper and washed feet and had a lot of the Searles brethren and sisters with us and they are real good people. We love all of God's children and hope to meet them all at the great mar-

### BURDENED FOR THE LOST

TAMPA, Fla.—I am stirred to stir up all our pure minds in regard to Mission work. Especially about the gift of \$1.00 per member for missions.

We can talk, we can pray, but we must have money and what is just \$1.00 each for the year of 1926. But as has been calculated if every member paid that much we could have a start to push forward. We should also pray for workers. The command is to "Pray ye therefore for laborers into the fields."

If I could get all to see the vision of a world's needs of a Saviour. Really a harvest of souls ahead if we will do our very best. The home fields too are white, laborers so few. O for hearts to be stirred and burdened for the lost.

Right here could be done a great work. Where are the laborers? Where are the means? Prayer, trust, confidence in God will give both. Saints wake up. God surely did not save, sanctify and baptize you to sit at ease in Zion.

The prophet said, Go tell. Whether they hear or forbear. Let's not fail to pay our \$1.00 and pray for enlargement of forces.

How many souls have you taken to God in prayer? How many ardent, fervent prayers for all the work?

Do you remember our General Overseer?

Do you remember our Editor and all the rest at headquarters?

Does your pastor feel your prayers in his services and state overseers? Just think. Get on your knees before God and call on Him to direct things. God bless every one of them. Pray and believe and God will bring things to pass.—Rosa B. Murphy.

### We Must Be Faithful To Our Promises

PROSPECT, Ala.—I feel led to write a few words of praise to the dear Lord for what He is to me.

I sent a handkerchief to Brother L. G. Rouse and when it returned I placed it on my body and asked God to heal me and I promised Him I would testify through the Evangel, but I failed to do so and I am not completely healed as I failed to fill my promise and my faith is weak.

I don't belong to any Church, but I was saved on June 7, 1924. I want all Christians to pray for me that I will be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, also pray that my faith be strengthened and my body completely healed.—Mrs. Essie Johnson, Route 4, Carbon Hill, Ala.

riage supper of the Lamb. Your sister under the blood of Jesus.—Mrs. Annie Cagle.

### THE DOUBLE PURPOSE OF PENTECOST

Robert Hill.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Acts 1:8.

This Scripture, if properly interpreted plainly shows that God had a double purpose in giving the Son to be crucified, resurrected, and glorified. You will remember that Jesus told His disciples positively, that He would be crucified at Jerusalem and raised from the dead the third day. It was hid from them, for John says that they did not understand it until He arose from the dead. They had mixed up the prophecies of His first and second coming. Dan. 7:9 says that when he receives his Kingdom he will reign forever. But the prophecies of His first coming describes Him as a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. A root out of dry ground when no one desired, despised and neglected, and as they had dwelt on the grand prophecies describing Him as a triumphant conqueror subduing all His enemies and crowned King of kings and Lord of lords, reigning forever. Hence, they did not discriminate between his first and second coming. They thought that He would never die, and that He could not be killed! Perhaps that was what Judas thought when he consented to lead that murderous Roman mob to Him in Gethsemane. He probably thought that they would make a failure as he had seen him time and again vanish out of their hands. He had seen Him vanish right thru the walls of the temple, and it is plausible that he thought this would be the case now and after he had eluded and escaped their hands, he would repent and everything would be all right, but my friends, you cannot flirt with God. But "Oh after he saw Him actually arrested and born away with clubs and staves to be crucified, it was too much for him, and so he cries out my conscience is killing me. I will just end it all, and he hanged himself, and as all the other disciples saw Him in the hands of His enemies, of course they too, lost confidence in His Christship, yet they did believe that He was a mighty man of God, they still believed Him the greatest prophet that had ever walked the earth. This they did not doubt, but they gave up the idea that He was Christ. Just a little while before this they said they were ready to go all the way with Him, yea ready to die with Him. Peter was ready to fight, to kill. I see John break to

run for his life, hotly pursued by a Roman cut-throat and as they run his enemy overtakes him and catches him and as John throws off his linen garment and leaves it in the hands of the enemy, he flies on to the house of Rabbi Ammus and secures a Robe of a Jewish Priest and comes back and joins them in disguise and Caiaphas was the only one who recognized him and so as he was closely related to John he keeps the secret for him and John follows him to the tribunal of Annas, thence to that of Caiaphas, thence to the Judgment hall, accompanying Him to Pilate Tribunal, and then away to Herod's Judgment seat, back to Pilate and up Calvary and stood by His side while they nailed Him to the Cross. Thinking perhaps all this time that He would resume His power He had witnessed these three years while with Him. No doubt he thought He would come down from the Cross and be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords, until he saw the Soldier Phillipus plunge the spear into His side and tear His heart to pieces, then the last ray of hope fled from him and fainting, he fell to the ground. "O my God how can men trample this blood under their feet? I say how can Christian professors ridicule this blood, and hoot at the blood Atonement?" This scene alone is enough to break the heart of an infidel. And now when with loving hands they take down from the cruel Cross and carry Him on a bier down to the base of Mount Calvary and place Him in Joseph's own new Tomb. They say, "Good by friend Jesus, Farewell and Farewell, until we meet again on that Eternal shore." I hear Mary crying, "Farewell son, farewell, I'll meet you over yonder where there will always be shouting on the hills of God." And so when they buried Him late on Friday evening and as you know He was crucified as a malefactor and they would now be after all his followers and as they all went to the house of Radiumus, a friend of Jesus', and there they spent the night in silent mourning. Oh such mourning, what awful heart sobs of grief for their crucified leader, but as the night glides away, and tomorrow is the Jewish Sabbath that was their only protection from arrest and execution and the Sabbath night comes on and they spent that in silent mourning, "Oh what heart breaking sobs and groans! I hear them saying, "Woe unto us! Woe unto us! They will kill us tomorrow, for Pilate wrote that inscription

### I WILL FOLLOW ALL THE WAY

KENNARD, Tex.—I want to follow all the way. I have been thinking for some time that I would write a few lines to the Evangel, and I want to say I do love the way of holiness. I don't mean to say I live holy, but I believe I could live better if I just had the Holy Ghost to help. My husband and I both saw the light on the pentecostal doctrine last August and both were converted and baptized in water and continued going to church for a while, but the meetings were soon over and we haven't had any preacher and haven't attended church much this last winter, but I am still in good hopes. I do hope we can get a good Church of God preacher over this way soon. Brother Durham was holding the meeting when we saw the light. He sure is a good preacher. We never get tired listening at him. I want to say I do believe the Lord can heal for He has healed several times in my family. I promised the Lord that I would testify thru the Evangel. Some time in Nov. Brother Durham was down here to begin a debate and my baby's jaw was swollen up very badly, caused from a burnt eye. Brother Durham annointed and prayed for him and by the time the debate was over, he was well and one time my side and back was hurting awful bad and as I had read of others getting healed by applying the Evangel, to effected parts so did I and asked the Lord to heal me. He did and many other times He has healed in our family. I ask all who read this to pray that we may receive the Holy Ghost and live more humble and closer to the Lord, for I never expect to turn back for the way gets brighter and sweeter all the time.—Mrs. H. T. English.

### ENTERING UPON THE NEW YEAR

MILLEN, Ga.—I want to praise the dear Lord today for sparing my life and keeping me saved to see another new year. I am a married man, thirty-three years of age, have a wife and three children. I am saved, sanctified and belong to the Church of God and ask every saint everywhere to earnestly pray that I may receive the Holy Ghost.—L. P. Mons.

positively, 'KING OF THE JEWS' and that alone is traitorous to the King, and so we are bound for destruction at the hands of our enemies." Oh that awful dread, but alas, as the morning begins to dawn toward the first day of the week as the sun begins to rise above the oriental horizon I see Mary and Mary Magdalene and Salome, going to the sepulcher to

### LEND A HELPING HAND

TEXT.—And he took him by the hand and lifted him up. Acts 3:7.

J. S. Llewellyn.

Our theme is a very common expression; yet at the same time there are so few who are willing to extend a helping hand to those who are in need, often a little inexpensive effort will prove untold blessings to those who are in special need of our help and encouragement. It is the helpless that need our help. They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. Many golden opportunities have been neglected by many professed Christians by failing or neglecting to extend the helping hand. If more persistent effort would be put forth along this line, I am persuaded that we would receive many glad responses from those who are in need of the message of love and salvation.

Peter and John had just been in a great revival in which they witnessed great and marvelous outpourings of the Spirit of God and a great ingathering of souls and right at the very time when God was working with them in the most marvelous way they felt the importance of earnest and systematic prayer, therefore they were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer and while in the line of beauty they found a poor cripple man at the gate of the temple and he reached out his little cup as to ask alms, and while the revival fire was still burning and since they had witnessed so many stupendous miracles, of course they were of the firm belief that there was nothing impossible with God. So Peter took him by the hand and with the other he pointed him to Jesus of Nazareth, who was able to meet the supreme needs of the poor crippled and unfortunate man. He said unto him, "Gold and silver, have I none, but such as I have, give I unto thee." In the name of Jesus of Nazareth rise up and walk," and immediately the mighty power of God was demonstrated in the healing of the poor crippled man.

Now it would be folly to imagine that it was Peter's touch that healed the lame man. God wrought the miracle and put the strength into the lame man's feet and ankle bones. But what was the province of the outstretched hand of Peter or the willing, helping hand that extended to the poor helpless crippled man.

(1.) Peter's hand clasp was the encouragement to faith, while we are unable to heal the sick ourselves; yet we can extend to them a helping hand, and point them to Him, in whose name they can be made

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## DO NOT FORGET THE

## NEEDS OF THE ORPHAN

It becomes necessary for us to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance of the needs of the orphan. The Church of God Orphanage and Childrens Home of this city is an institution supported by voluntary contributions. God has always supplied the needs and I am sure He is pleased for this noble work to continue. For it to continue, means that ample provisions must be made for its continual support. The expenses are very heavy and are now at a very low ebb. Please take this matter before the Lord; ask Him what He would have you do, and "Whatever he saith unto you, do it."

## GREAT DAY IN ALABAMA CITY

All Day Meeting and Dinner on the Ground

The writer enjoyed a very delightful day at Alabama City Sunday March 27th. A great number of saints from near-by churches and communities enjoyed the sweet fellowship of the Spirit and the bountiful dinner spread at the noon hour. God was present in a wonderful way; showers of blessings were frequent; billows of glory swept the place, the saints rejoiced and all seemed to enjoy the day immensely.

I received a very urgent invitation from their pastor, W. S. Wilemon several weeks ago for this special day. I arrived there Saturday p. m. in time for services. God especially owned and blest in the very first service. These services were largely attended; many saints were looking forward to this special day and of course the Lord never disappoints His own.

The State Overseer of Ala. E. M. Ellis, is a very capable overseer and is loved and respected by the people of his state.

Everything seems to be going fine at that place, the saints are expecting great things this year. Brother Wilemon, the local pastor is doing excellent work. The church loves him and he loves the church and as a whole, the prospects bid fair for the great State of Alabama.

The Alabama State Camp Meeting was announced to be held at Boaz, early in August, the exact date will be announced thru the columns of this paper later. I. H. Marks of Manatee, Florida is to be in charge, associated by other ministers.

T. A. Richard, pastor of Pratt City, Alabama was also present and extended us a very urgent invitation for a special meeting

## FILLED WITH GREAT COURAGE AND ZEAL FOR GOD'S CAUSE

WHIGHAM, Ga.—I feel led this morning to write a few words to the Evangel, the paper I love so well and prize it next to my Bible. I feel like every saint of God should take the Evangel as we need the helpful advice of our friends and it encourages us to read a burning testimony from some good brother or sister. As to my part I would sell a hen or do without a meal a day before I would do without my paper. The reason I am writing this is because I see so many people who are Church people and do not take their paper and it seems that they are not interested as they should be. Another thing I fear we are neglecting and that is to hold our editor up in prayer. If there ever was a man who needed prayer it is surely him, for it seems like every devil is turned loose on him. We hear so much that is not worth repeating. I love brother Llewellyn because he has the nerve to stand out as a bold soldier of Jesus against false accusations and fears no one, but God, who seems to be determined to do his duty, and I feel like we who love our paper so well should send up a prayer for our editor, also all those who are over us in the Lord as the battle is hot and things are not always very pleasant for them. One thing sure I don't want to be a critic. I mean to stand for the right regardless of the cost. I love the Church better than anything in this world and I like to hold up my hand, throw back my shoulders and face the devil of opposition and tell him I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and in the church that Christ said He would build and He did build it. I love the Church and that is why I like to see it appear in the paper, I want people to know that Weeks is still alive for God and His Cause. Dear saints, pray for me.—J. B. Weeks.

## STANDING ON HIS PROMISES

CASON, Tex.—I want to sound a note of praise to the dear little paper which I love so well. It is food to my hungry soul, and I am so glad this beautiful Sabbath evening that I have salvation, and this salvation that I am in possession of keeps me three hundred and sixty-five days thru the year.

I have sent handkerchiefs to Brother Rouse many different times for different things and the work is always done. I don't get to go to church very much, but I just read my Bible and stand on His promises. I am certainly glad that I belong to the Church of which He has said "The gates of hell shall not prevail against," and I would love to see every one come in this way. I know that Jesus is coming some day and I want to be ready at His coming or calling. When I want a doctor for myself I call on Jesus. He never loses a case when we fully trust in Him. I feel His power as I write. Ah, it is truly wonderful to live for God. He has promised never to leave nor forsake as long as we do His holy will.—Maud Clark.

at his church on the 4th Sunday in April, so we are looking forward to another great day in Alabama.

Other ministers and workers were present. There were many glad handshakes and hearty "God Bless You's". Genuine love and Christian fellowship seemed to prevail.

## SOME ONE IS WATCHING YOU

FRIENDSHIP, Tenn.—I want to say this morning that I am redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. I want to testify of what Jesus is unto me, for His love is real. I praise Him for a Bible salvation, and that one day, in His love He saw fit to send conviction upon my heart, that worked godly sorrow to true repentance, unto real salvation. I lived in all the light I had for fifteen years. I then heard holiness preached by the pentecost people. I saw myself an empty vessel in God's sight. I sought God with my whole heart and He sanctified me wholly, both soul and body and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I want to say that it is real to me today. I still had a hungering in my heart for the Word in its fullness to be preached here. I knew that it was not being preached as I saw it. I prayed for three years for God to send some real God-sent preacher this way. The Word says pray and not faint. I prayed and did not faint and last summer God sent Brother J. L. Dillingham to this place and he sure did preach the Word in its fullness. The Church of God was what my heart was calling for, but I had never heard it preached, but I knew it was Bible when I first heard it. I had been trying to prove to the pentecostal people that it was Bible to pay tithes but they held me out on that. I had paid tithes for nine months before I ever heard it preached. O I praise God for the blood that cleanses from all sin that we might live free in this present world, three hundred and sixty-five days in the year. Our every day life is what the world is watching and if we live a worldly life and claim to be a saint, can we win the lost to Jesus? I say no, and we should be very careful how we walk before the world, for someone is watching our life. If we partake of worldliness they will say that So and So claims to be saints and do as I do. Say, do you really think God is pleased with such a life? I should say He is not. Remember the Word says, You may deceive man, but you cannot deceive God, so do not try to deceive man for all things will be brought to light and be sure your sins will find you out.

I praise God to-day for His keeping power that helps me on each day, and I am truly glad that I died the death to the world, the old man is crucified, the world has no pleasure in me. I do not go to any place that I don't think Jesus would. He said He was not of the world. I am in the world but not of the world. I am going to go all the way with Jesus. He is my guide day by day and is a present help in time of need. He also is my healer in every sickness. I had leakage of the heart and took medicine all the time and my weight was 130, now it is 186 I am healed and Jesus is my healer. I ask all who reads this to pray that I may still grow in grace and stay humble at Jesus' feet, always doing His will and the little things and pray that the Church here may prosper and shine. I am one that wants part in the first resurrection.

John 14:2, 3 says, In my father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also. That is indeed a wonderful promise, but who will He receive? The Redeemed, Blood-washed Saints, those that are pure in heart, with no condemnation resting over

them. They are the ones He has prepared a place for. I am glad there is now no condemnation in my heart. I can report victory over sin and Satan. I will by the help of God be an overcomer of all temptation, for there is a crown promised to those that overcome. Dear saints, it is not often that I get to go to meetings, only twice this winter we have had services, as our pastor lives some distance and the waters and other hindrances have caused us to not have services. But O how I do pray that I may be in more meetings. Tho while at home I can pray unto God for a world-wide revival. Tho I can't be present, I hope others may enjoy them.—Mrs. Allie Latham, Clerk and Treasurer.

## DIVINE HEALING

## CANNOT FORGET HIS GOODNESS TO ME

I praise God for His goodness to me. I had been a sinner for thirty-eight or forty years; never cared anything about the Word of God. I asked God to heal me of rheumatism and I would serve Him the rest of my life. Praise God, He did it right there. At the same time I had a bad spell of sickness and gastritis, nothing I ate would digest and I had three physicians' attention. One of them said it was impossible for me to get well without an operation, and I had almost made up my mind to go to the hospital, but a dear brother and sister in Christ came to see me and told me about God's divine healing power. I asked them to pray with me and we were on our knees three or four minutes when the power of God went all over my body and I was healed.

This was about six months ago. Now I praise Him for the work was done and I shall never forget His goodness to me. I am a witness for God to tell the world that the above healings took place instantly. After this, a strange feeling came into my arms and legs, what it was I don't know, so I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse to be anointed. I had the handkerchief placed upon me in the name of Jesus and now I am completely healed, for which I give God all the praise. I am saved and sanctified, but have not the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Pray that I may receive Him, for I want to be at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.—H. J. Burklew.

## FREE INDEED

KIRK, W. Va.—I wish to testify thru the Evangel as I have promised the Lord if He would heal my children of whooping cough I would tell it or testify of it thru the Evangel. My two children, one only about three months old caught whooping cough and were awful sick, it didn't look like the baby could live. I sent to Lemoore for the saints to fast and pray for them, they did and the children have been getting better ever since. I praise God for it.

I thank God for my salvation, because I know it came from above. When He made me free He made me free indeed. Dear saints, let us get busy and do something for the Lord. We should put more of our time into the service of God and lay down so much worldliness and go to work for the Lord.

I want to work for God and mean to tell the world of Jesus wherever I go. I believe if we had a few Paul's today, there would be more souls saved. I want to be like Paul, and surely

them. They are the ones He has prepared a place for. I am glad there is now no condemnation in my heart. I can report victory over sin and Satan. I will by the help of God be an overcomer of all temptation, for there is a crown promised to those that overcome. Dear saints, it is not often that I get to go to meetings, only twice this winter we have had services, as our pastor lives some distance and the waters and other hindrances have caused us to not have services. But O how I do pray that I may be in more meetings. Tho while at home I can pray unto God for a world-wide revival. Tho I can't be present, I hope others may enjoy them.—Mrs. Allie Latham, Clerk and Treasurer.

do not want to be a burden to anyone. I feel that if all the saints would win one soul for the Lord this year we would have better times in the Lord. We would know that God is blessing holiness. Pray that I may do God's will and stay at the foot of the cross.—Rhoda V. Johnson.

## PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

ELBOWOODS, N. Dak.—I want to praise God for the dear Evangel with its soul stirring messages. I want to thank the Lord for the change. I was in deep sin, but He showed me the light and the Word of life thru Him that came to the world to save sinners. What a change He made. I want to praise the Lord for the precious Holy Ghost. Prayer changes things. Our little baby was sick for about two weeks with colic also my wife was sick, so I took one of the baby's dresses and her apron to a place where a few saints were having prayer meeting and after the meeting was over, I asked Brother James H. Eagle, our pastor, to have them prayed over, and anointed, which they did and when we applied them, they were both healed instantly. I ask you to pray that my wife may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—Walter Plenty Chief.

## SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

CLEVELAND, Miss.—I want to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel for what God has done for us. He has healed two of our children who were taken sick the same day. They were very low and the devil made some think they would never get well if we didn't get a doctor and give medicine but we held on to the Lord and He heard and answered our prayers for which I truly thank and praise Him. O how sweet to trust in Jesus. The longer I know Him, more truly I find, my Saviour is precious to me. My whole heart's desire is to stay in the center of the Lord's will, to be humble; to walk in His footsteps each day and so live that some one else will learn to love Him. Dear saints do you know the world is trying to see Jesus thru us? Therefore it behooves us to live perfect. Jesus said to be perfect even as my Father in Heaven is perfect. He also said, Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall stand forever, so let us put on the whole armour of God that we may be able to stand all the trials that may come our way.

Pray for me and my family that we will stand true and faithful to the end.—Mrs. Melysa Burgess.

## HEALED OF PNEUMONIA

BERRYTON, Ga.—I want to add my testimony with the rest of the dear Evangel family. I want to praise my great Redeemer for His keeping power and this evening finds me still under the blood of Jesus, the sweet Holy Ghost abides and I have been in this way for more than eighteen years. The way gets better every day. O how sweet to trust in Jesus. When we get sick we call for the saints instead of the physician. A few weeks ago our son was taken very sick with something like flu and pneumonia. We called Brother Burk and we prayed for him and the Lord touched his body and he was wonderfully healed. We love

## BEGAN TO AMEND IMMEDIATELY

RIPLEY, Tenn.—I want to sound a note of praise to the dear Lord thru the columns of the little paper. I promised the Lord some time ago if He would heal me of a hurting in my right side I would testify of it thru the paper, but neglected it and it began hurting me again, so last night I placed a letter from Brother Rouse on my side and again promised the Lord if He would heal it I would testify of it thru the paper; and I want all who read this to call my name in prayer that my side will be entirely healed. I know that God is a prayer answering God. We have had lots of sickness and have been healed several times. I also want the dear saints to pray that my husband will be healed of kidney trouble. He has turned his case over to the Lord and has found that more relief can be obtained from the Lord than thru taking medicine. Dear readers, if you have taken medicine and tried every doctor you can obtain and still get no better, let me tell you, as one who loves you, don't give up till you try the Lord we serve. I was in bad health for about eight years and took lots of medicine, but got worse all the time, but I can never get thru thanking God for giving me my health. Glory to God in the highest! I feel His presence just now. The first time I had the saints to pray for me, it seemed that electricity went all thru my body and from that very time I began getting better. I trust that some who reads this may get relief for their poor, afflicted body. Don't forget to pray for us.—Mrs. Eddie Smith.

Brother and Sister Burk, they are real shepherds to the flock. We began to pray for the young people of this community and the Lord heard our cries and touched their hearts and many of them came to the altar every service. About ten have prayed thru to victory and no revival is on, just a revival spirit. O my heart cries out within me for the lost world. Pray for me. Mrs. Alice Kinsey.

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## THE DOUBLE PURPOSE OF PENTECOST

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complete the embalming which was begun on the Friday before. You will remember that Nichodemus had bought one hundred pounds of costly Aromatics to prevent putrefaction and with these they had swathed his body and so they came early to complete the embalming and just as they approached the Damascus Gate, here came a band of Roman soldiers rushing by like they had been shot out of a cannon.

The gate-keeper shouts, "Stop! Stop! What on earth is the matter? Oh stop Marius, stop Marius I know you and tell me what in the world you mean by all this excitement." Marius stops and says "Oh Gate-keeper, we were appointed to guard the Tomb of that Jewish prophet and O-O-Oh I tell you I was walking on guard this morning looking up at the stars and I saw an Arch-Angel come sweeping down from Heaven and touched the stone with his finger and it rolled away from the Tomb and I saw that Jewish Prophet get up and walk out and as He walked out, the wind brushed aside his garment and I saw the hole in his side 'O-O-H' let me go." The women of course were electrified by this and looking in they saw an Arch-Angel sitting there with his face all radiant with unearthly splendor, saying, "He is not here, he is risen." And they turn to go, and seeing as they supposed the Gardner, they say, "O Gate-keeper, where have ye laid our Lord?" and turning he speaks, "Mary!" and they fall at His feet to worship Him and He says, "touch me not, go tell my Disciples to go into Galilee and there they shall see me."

And they break and run like race horses to the house of Radiumus, thru that old house they go to arouse all the sleepers, their voices roaring like lions thru the courts of that old house. The Disciples of course did not sleep any and they were easily aroused. Peter meets Mary and enquires, "what on earth is the matter?" John meets Mary Magdalene and asks, "what in the world are you all rushing in here at this time with such excitement?" Radiumus meets Salome and bawls out, "what in the world is wrong?" and Mary finally tells them "Oh come, do come, our Lord is risen, Oh come quickly and see where he lay." They all ran with breakneck speed to the Sepulcher, and the women look in and this time there are two Arch-Angels, one at the head and one at the foot, and they say "Weep not daughters of Jerusalem, he is risen, and as John is about twenty years younger than Peter, he gets there first, and looks in and shouts "Oh he is risen indeed? Peter comes up and rushes on in and picking up the grave clothes he exclaims "It's settled folks, He is risen!" They return to their room to ponder over the matter, and two of them goes down to Emmaus, and on the way He joins them but He was hid from them until they invited Him in to dine with them and Cleophas looks across the table and says, "brother, will you offer thanks?" and as He breaks bread and gave thanks, He reveals Himself to them. Oh what a surprise, yes what a joyful surprise for them. They ran like race horses back up that rocky road to Jerusalem, a distance of about seven miles, and they are all discussing the situation. Luke and Cleophas comes in and says, "say boys, we saw Him." Peter says, "Yes, yes sure we all be-

lieve He is risen, but Thomas, he won't believe, and about this time Jesus appears on the scene and says, "Peace be still." And so He meets them in Galilee and remains with them forty days and now He delivers His last and final instructions to them and He had already told them to tarry at Jerusalem until they be endued with power from on high and now we come to our text: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." They go gladly to that memorable upper room and there they continue in prayer and supplication. The prayer meeting wound up with the fulfilling of the promise of the Holy Ghost Baptism and as Jesus was incarnated at Bethlehem the Holy Ghost was incarnated in the human body at Pentecost and that is the complete plan of salvation.

And as they first arrived on Friday, and as prayers and exhortations rang out, they say "O surely He will send the blessing today this is the day in which we stood and saw Him fly away to Glory, and surely He will send the Comforter today, but the day glides away and He does not come—another night in prayer and consecration. The next day is the Jewish Sabbath, and today is the day in which prayers go up everywhere, and surely He will send the Holy Ghost today. But the prayers ring out throughout the Sabbath day and still no Comforter. The night again is spent in prayer and the next day is Sunday. Most assuredly He will come today for this is His resurrection day, and surely He will honor it. Mary's face is radiant, Peter exhorts them to pray on. On and on they pray, but the Sabbath has passed and He is not come. I hear John saying "O Lord send the Holy Ghost just now and fill my soul with fire and glory." Another night in prayer and exhortations, and the next day is old blue Monday, and with nothing to elate them or cheer them on I hear that Israelite in whom there was no gile saying, "pray on boys, pray on until fire divine comes from the glory land," and O how they got down and prayed, digging, digging, deeper they go, digging for the blessing. I hear Peter groaning, "Oh what a fool I was, I denied my Lord; I disgraced myself, Oh what a coward I was, what will I do? He called me a rock and I had better be called mud." The others are groaning all around saying "Oh we did worse than that for we sinned and made no attempt to save our Lord, and O what rolling and groaning all that day and that night. John and James weep and say, "O what is to become of us? We are the lads who wanted fire to come down and consume some of those wicked Samaritans and Oh that vile spirit." The others weep and say "Oh we saw some good men casting out devils in Jesus' name and we foolishly forbade them because they would not come with us, O-O-O-H Lord send power." I can almost hear Thomas crying and saying "Oh those old chronic doubts of mine, what will I do?" Tuesday comes and still they go down, down, deeper and deeper they go. Wednesday passes with no hallowed memories to cheer them on and now Thursday comes and this is His ascension day and surely He will send the Comforter in commemoration of it. Their poor hearts are aflame with enthusiasm and on they go digging for victory. Thursday glides by the night comes on, still they

## ENJOYING LIFE

WHEATCROFT, Ky.—I want to praise God for healing me of what I thot to be lung trouble. I sent Brother Rouse a handkerchief to pray over and anoint for my healing and by the time the handkerchief reached me I was healed and I am well now.

I praise God for a man like Brother Rouse, I also praise Him for the paper and for the sweet messages it brings to me and my home. Have a special prayer that I may be sanctified and receive the Holy Ghost.—John E. Shelton.

pray on thru the night. Friday, the day of His Crucifixion, and "Oh" says Salome, "we will most surely get the blessing today, but the shades of night came over them and again they spent the night in groaning and confession to God. The Sabbath comes again and down they go with more zeal and Oh how they do pray. On thru the shades of night they pray, but Oh Hallelujah! just as the sun began to rise above the Horizon, they began to pray thru. Mary says "O glory to God the blessing is coming I feel it in my bones. Oh I believe the Comforter has left Heaven and is on His way now." Out comes Thomas bawling, "O bless God all my doubts are gone, I have such perfect faith." Up jumps Peter exclaiming, "It's coming! It's coming! Oh I'm so free." And by this time the whole hundred and twenty have prayed thru, and Oh they get a vision of the Vesture dipped in blood. Such perfect love, such shouting and leaping and praising God yea they struck "Rock bottom." All prayed thru and now they are praising God continually. All at once they hear a sound of a mighty rushing wind as though a Cyclone has struck Jerusalem, and they look out and everything is perfectly still, no sign of wind any where and now Mary looks over at Peter and exclaims, "Oh Peter! Look! I see flaming Tongues of fire on your head!" Peter shouts out, "Look! Oh, look Mary! I see flaming tongues of fire on you too. Don't you feel it?" They all look at each other and every one, the whole hundred and twenty are aflame with cloven Tongues as of fire. What is this? well here are two Tongues of fire, one to preach Hell fire to the sinner and one to preach Holy Ghost and fire to the Christian. The double purpose of Pentecost is seen from the minute they pray through. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other Tongues as the spirit gave them utterance.

By this time the room was too small, and Peter leads the way down stairs, "Oh what a noise," all those mouths roaring like lions! their souls filled with fire from the Altar of God. What an uproar, all the city was aroused and came running like race horses to investigate; crowding every street, and as you look out they are one solid mass of people and say; Peter was not the only Preacher there for we hear them saying, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" I see Mary standing up in an old wagon, shouting out to them to repent and come to God and get this same blessing. Peter looks them in the face and says "You murderers, you have with wicked hands crucified and slain the Lord of Glory, and now you must repent and be baptized in His name, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost just like we, for this same Jesus whom ye have slain has shed forth this which you now see and hear. I see Luke standing on

## Would Not Give Up

BRISTOL, Pa.—I was sick for three weeks, but I held on to the Lord until victory came. I would not give up. I suffered a great deal, but I kept on pleading the blood. I had Brother Rouse to anoint a handkerchief and pray for me and my eyes were also healed. I have not worn glasses for over a year. I claim the blood on my whole body, that I may ever look to Jesus for my healing. My full aim and object is to be ready with my lamp trimmed and burning bright and full of oil, so I may be ready when Jesus comes or calls.—Mrs. Lucy C. Ries.

## Had Never Called On God Before

LOGAN, W. Va.—I want to sound a note of praise to the Lord and thank Him for the way He is blessing in the Logan district. We landed here November 14, 1926 and found a bunch of faithful members of the Church of God. They gave us a hearty welcome and are still showing by their works that we are welcome. We have a good Sunday School here they say the best they have ever had. We also have a real man of God for our State Overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins. Everybody loves him. Soon after we came here, wife and I started a revival at Stalling. It lasted two weeks, seven were saved and four received the Holy Ghost. Then the first day of January of this year, we started a revival at our own church at Logan, which lasted four weeks. Nineteen were saved, seven received the Holy Ghost and a number were sanctified. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way and the saints are encouraged and shouting the victory. On February 12th we went to Barnabus for another meeting, which lasted two weeks and the Lord met us there. Fifteen were saved, and seven filled with the Holy Ghost and the Church is wonderfully encouraged. One old man, 61 years old, said he had been carried out of the mines and had been under the care of a doctor many times and never had called on God at any time to help him in any way, but God got hold of his heart one night and he fell in the altar and called on God, whom he had long ignored and God for Christ's sake wonderfully saved and

top of one of those flat-roofed houses preaching with all his might, the Gospel with the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven, and the result was that three thousand souls were converted in the forenoon and five thousand in the afternoon, making eight thousand in all, so I believe every one turned "Preacher" that day.

Say some we must have order and order is the thing, but the order of a thing depends on what kind of a thing it is. The order of a Freight Train is to run fifty miles an hour and kill every old Cow and Dog and Cat that gets on the track, but the Train standing still never accomplishes anything, and so the order of the day at Pentecost was to leap, shout and speak with Tongues and Preach God's Gospel to a sinning people. I say if the Holy Ghost has charge of a man he is always in divine order. The flesh may get boastful, formal, or fanatic and out of divine order, but Charity beareth itself seemly always.

And now O Lord do help us to come to the Fountain of BLOOD at the foot of the Cross, and get our souls filled with the Holy Ghost and fire Divine.

## ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION

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There will be a convention held for the Churches of God at West Frankfort, Ill., April 7-10 D. V. Our General Overseer is to be present and we are expecting a large delegation from every church in the state.

We had a wonderful time at the convention last year, but we are expecting this one to be much better. You are invited to attend this great feast.—M. W. Letsinger, State Overseer.

is pastoring. He will fill our appointments here at Logan while we are gone and then we will come back and join our dear Brother Goins of Christopher, Illinois in a revival here April 16th. We want to make this the best year that Logan has ever had. There has been many battles won here for God and there are many more to win yet. The Church here certainly does speak well of Brother and Sister Harman, their former pastor, and they say Brother E. C. Clark was a real father to them in the Lord for years and they all love him too. Pray for us that God will keep blessing in this field of labor for Him.—E. O. Sells and wife, pastor.

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## THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH, ITS MEAN- ING AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF GOD WITH REGARD TO SAME

The Scripture which we will use as the basis for this message you will find in Rev. 3:7-8, 11.

In the seventh verse we find "He that openeth and no man shutteth," in the eighth, "Behold I set before you an open door," then in the eleventh, "Hold fast that thou hath, that no man take thy crown."

At the outset let us understand that the meaning of the word, Philadelphia as taken from the "Greek," is "brotherly love." Then we should grasp the great fact that as an Evangelical body of people, living in these last days, we must in order to rightly claim that title, shine forth with the effulgence which is heaven-born and can alone come through the carrying out of His command to "Go into all the world," the obedience to which brings us into possession of that spirit of brotherly love which the Master inculcated in His disciples and which spirit when not in evidence in us shows clearly a declension, which, if not overcome by the retracing of our steps, cause us to be precipitated into what Jesus calls the lukewarm or Laodicean condition. We understand, of course, that there are two, and only two, definite and distinct bodies of the Spiritual Church in these days as designated by the Lord Himself. When we say spiritual bodies, it is understood to mean, that body of people wedged in between fundamentalism on the one hand and modernism on the other. This body of people is by the Lord, divided into two classes, namely, the Philadelphia with its constant untiring missionary zeal, ever moving on under the mighty propelling force of the Holy Spirit, as also exemplified by the Lord in Matt. 25, by the five wise virgins, with the promise of the Lord in Rev. 3, to this church of Philadelphia. "He that overcometh I will save from that hour of trial," which in the light of the prophecy by Daniel is none other than the "Tribulation" period. The other the Laodicean with the awe awakening denunciation of the Lord, "Because thou art neither cold nor hot, but because thou art lukewarm, I will spue thee out of my mouth, and this also finds itself pictured in Matt. 25, by the five foolish virgins who went out into the tribulation days and purchased, doubtless at great cost, the oil to refill their vessels only to hear the Lord say, I know you not as saved people, as a virgin in the Word typifies purity, but most assuredly, "I know you not" as in that bridal company who must be ready at the sounding of the second or last trumpet, which after the first trumpet awakens, the dead in Christ will be the signal for the putting off of the old house, by the turning on that Divine power upon the bodies of those whose lives have measured up to the required standard which will undergo that change which transforms from mortality to immortality and transports us into the presence of the Lord of Glory, Hallelujah.

The open door to us has many adversaries, the native superstition of centuries growth, vice, crude, and open from which by much prayer the children must be shielded as far as possible, for the reason that immortality is practiced in front of them if the greatest care is not exercised. Then the Roman Church is the most potent factor we will be required to come into contact with, together with Paganism, Mohammedanism, all of which coupled with the problem of translating languages, writing Gospels etc. will command the fullest possible consecration of our every faculty to His service. We say then "Brethren pray for us."

Our attitude towards this open door will determine very largely our ability to fathom the depths of His Infinite plan, the fathoming or discerning of which, brings a greater weight of responsibility upon us. The acceptance of this brings with it the need of deeper consecration of time, talent and money, the reward for such being, "Kept from that hour of trial," and to share in the harvest of souls from the North African harvest field or vineyard. Hallelujah. The rejection of the responsibility does not however, relieve us of same, but does render us incapable of understanding or entering into His most blessed plan for us, resulting in our being considered by Him as of the Laodicean or lukewarm type.

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door and an effectual, as expressed through Paul in his letter to the Church at Corinth, first epistle chapter sixteen, verse nine.

Thirdly: When we have within our grasp such a marvelous opportunity and stupendous task, must hold fast our privilege, that no man take our crown. Therefore, in undertaking this work in the French Sudan we do so with the clear knowledge that the risen Lord is the one who has opened the door, yet with a deep settled conviction that our success depends upon the ardent co-operation of the human instruments in the homeland without which the carrying out of His programme is under a great and possibly irreparable handicap as the Word shows us that every commission of God has been carried out through human agency or channels. Your assistance both from standpoint of finances and of prayer, not only at present but continuously, is most essential, continuous, let it be made emphatic, as if we experience what other missionaries have, it will be out of mind, when once we have passed from their midst. Inasmuch as there is no failure in Him, let there be none in either the Homeland or on the Mission Field.

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### LORD BLESSING IN LAFAYETTE, GA.

We have just closed a three weeks revival which began Feb. 12th, conducted by our pastor, Brother Devlin. The Lord blessed, and on February 19th Brother Cooper and I, of Greenville, South Carolina and Brother and Sister Rich came and helped in the revival. Four were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I am praising the Lord for the little band of saints at this place and the way the Lord is blessing us here from time to time. We haven't any church building here; yet we are looking forward to the time when we will have a church building, one in which to worship the Lord. Any Church of God preacher desiring to come is welcome. One that stands foursquare for the Church of God. Pray for me that I may stay humble at the foot of the Cross. Your humble sister in Christ—Mamie Gibson, Box 194, Lafayette, Ga.

### Our Every day life Should be a Testimony

SICARD, Ala.—I want to do something for Jesus. I praise God this morning for what He is to me. I praise Him for the blessed Holy Ghost that abides in my soul this morning. A little over one year ago I was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. I praise Him also for His healing power. About two months ago I was called to go to my father at once. I went straight to him, reaching there about noon finding him in a severe condition. We prayed for him and the second time we prayed he arose, dressed himself and got up. It was then about two o'clock. We truly give God the praise for it for he was almost passed from life unto death. I am the only Church of God member here and it seems that I have lots to go thru with, but praise God, Jesus is with me. He has said He would go all the way with us and I know He has never failed when I call upon Him. Most of the people here are of Baptist belief, but many of them call upon me to pray for them and when interested about the Holy Ghost. We have prayer meeting here twice a week and more if the Lord sees fit. I want to say we have good prayer meetings and the Baptist preacher is doing some good preaching and is doing a good work as far as he knows. I want each one who reads this to pray for me that I may live a true life for Jesus before the people here, so they may see that I am working for God. I want to do something for Jesus and win souls for Him. Please pray for my unsaved husband that he may see himself as God sees him. I want my home to be a home of prayer.—Mrs. Geneva Pearson.

### Believes In Divine Healing

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex.—I want to praise the dear Lord for healing me recently and I also praise Him far more for that message to the backsliders that I saw in the Evangel recently, which was to me. I am not a member of any church but used to be. I was converted under the preaching of Brother John Parks at Jellico Creek, Kentucky, in November 1903. For years I lived a true Christian in

### OBEY THE LORD IN EVERYTHING

ODUM, Ga.—Obedience is better than sacrifice. I took flu November 29th and was real bad off and we prayed. My husband prayed for me and anointed me with oil and I didn't get any better, but grew worse and he got the Evangel and put it on in Jesus name and my fever and pains all left me and he told the Lord if He would heal me he would testify of it thru the pages of the Evangel, but after the Lord had healed me he failed to do it and the very next night I awoke with a chill and fever and called him and told him I was sick again and also told him that every time I tried to sleep the Lord told me that we have not done what we promised to do, so we arose at 3:00 o'clock in the morning and wrote as we had promised the Lord, then I got better again. Dear saints, let us obey the Lord in everything.

The Lord healed me of blood poison on the 15th of January and has healed my dear little children so many times. Praise His name. He healed my little boy last April of pneumonia instantly.

It means much for we preachers wives to trust the Lord when our husbands are away, sometimes five hundred, and sometimes one thousand miles, but let not only we sisters, but every one learn that obedience is better than sacrifice. We are standing true for God and the right and His Church. The Lord knows those that are His own. Paul said, "I have fought a good fight and kept the faith," so let us be determined to keep the faith.—Mrs. R. D. Sweat.

### IN A FIELD OF CLOVER

AGES, Ky.—I want to sound a note of praise thru the dear little paper I love so well. I am praising the Lord for victory over sin until this very moment. I praise the Lord for the band of saints at Ages. They surely are on fire for God. The Lord is blessing in every service. We have sister's meeting every Monday. Precious souls are weeping their way thru to victory. The Lord is blessing the Church of God wonderfully at Ages and we are gaining ground rapidly. Our pastor, Brother Bates held one week of meeting in February and many dear ones saw the light on the great Church of God and ten came into the Church. Five were baptized in water, and praise the Lord, when Brother Bates came back Mar. 12th and found the saints working for the Lord, on Sunday night he preached a wonderful sermon and when the altar call was given eight or nine more came up and there were four gloriously saved and three more joined the Church that night. Jesus said "I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me." We are thanking the Lord for our good pastor this year, our souls are getting fat.

Listen, churches let's stay with our pastor and support him and his family, if we will do this, he will stay with us and give us the Word, but they must have support wherever they stay. O I'm in a field of clover, and my cup is running over for I'm grazing in the sweet old clover field.—Myrtle Burrell.

the Baptist church, but I have always believed in Divine healing from early childhood. I do not know why, but God has been very merciful to me. Praise His name. I want the saints to pray for me that I may get stronger in His power and yet do something for Jesus. — No name.

### Under The Blood

ELDRIDGE, Tenn.—I want to sound a note of praise this morning for my Lord, that today finds me saved and under the blood. I can truly say that I am in possession of the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence. Glory! I also praise God for His mighty healing power. He has healed me many times in my home. One time of a bad burn, one time of erysipelas, one time of pellagra and chills and fever and many other things, for which we give Him praise. I want all who read this and who know the worth of prayer to pray earnestly that the Lord will heal my sister of cancer and that she may receive the Holy Ghost, also pray for my unsaved family. I am the only one of my family or relation that has the Holy Ghost. Sometimes it seems the way gets gloomy, but the Lord said "My grace is sufficient," so I just take courage and by prayer and faith keep pressing on to the mark of the higher calling. Pray earnestly that the Lord will use me for His glory. My heart's desire is to help others to find the Christ of whom I serve.—Mrs. G. L. Cook, Route 1.

### Tried Physicians But They Failed

MCCROY, Ark.—I want to sound a note of praise to the dear Lord this beautiful Sabbath for what He is to me. He is all and all to me, praise His dear name. I praise Him for the blessed Holy Ghost which He gave me about twelve years ago and gave me a determination to go all the way with Him. He gives me grace to overcome trials and temptations.

I praise Him for His mighty healing power. I had something like catarrh in my head and was suffering severely with it. I tried the doctors first and they told me they could not do any good, so I began praying and asking God to heal me and give me ease and praise God, He soon heard my prayers and healed me almost instantly and I praise Him for I know He is all and all to me and that my

I am a mother of six children. I live alone with them most all the time and certainly covet your prayers. Pray for me.—Mrs. Mary Siler, Route 2, Box 164, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

### LEND A HELPING HAND

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perfectly whole. Christ and His power was just the same before and after the lame man was healed. Therefore it was very necessary for some one to point him to the one who is able to meet His Supreme need, to illustrate this. There may be ever so much power in the wire, but the street car remains fastened to the track, dormant and inactive until the trolley reaches up its long arm and gets in contact with the wire above. Jesus Christ had power to heal the lame man, but His power would have proven of no avail had the lame man not reached up his arm of faith and received the healing touch.

Peter did not say "I can heal you," but his part was to tell him that Christ can do it. We fancy we can hear him say, "Fear not, only believe, for all things are possible to him that believeth."

(2.) Peter, himself knew the value of the outstretched helping hand. He once had seen the waves as they dashed and sprayed, he once was about to sink and it was then he felt the touch of the Saviour's helping hand. Of course Peter wanted to do unto others as he had been done by. With one hand he reached down to impart courage and to instill hope within the breast of the lame man, with the other hand he threw out the index finger and pointed the lame man away to Christ, saying, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

(3.) This is our way, of extending a helping hand to those who are in need of our help. The marvelous results of this one instant should be enough to inspire every humble child of God throughout this broad land to put forth a determined effort to point poor helpless men and women to Jesus Christ who is able to do for them exceedingly abundantly above all they could ask or think. O why not extend a helping hand to those who are sinking down in despair.

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